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PEO Lake Ontario Chapter representative **Wintta Ghebreiyesus**, EIT (left) with Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity of Ontario **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre) (right) on February 9.

PEO CHAPTER REP MEETS WOMEN'S MINISTER AT TMU DEMOCRACY FORUM EVENT

Ontario Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre) participated in a Democracy Forum at Toronto Metropolitan University on February 9. PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP representative **Wintta Ghebreiyesus**, EIT attended the event.

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PEO THOUSAND ISLANDS CHAPTER GLP REP SPEAKS WITH MINISTER AT BROCKVILLE EVENT

BROCKVILLE - PEO Thousand Islands Chapter GLP representative **Ahmad Khadra**, P.Eng spoke with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) at a Brockville Chamber of Commerce event on February 14.

Mr. Khadra is the PEO representative for Minister Clark's riding.

Minister Clark has worked closely with PEO since his first election in 2010, regularly attending and speaking at PEO events at Queen's Park and in the riding.

He was a guest speaker at two GLP Academies and Congresses, one in Kingston and one in Gananoque, and also met with PEO's leadership at Queen's Park.

Minister Clark is very familiar with PEO and its initiatives to comply with the amendments to the *Fair Access to the Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA) and also to implement compulsory PEAK as of January 1, 2023.

Chapter events are a good opportunity for PEO licence holders and Chapter representatives to bring MPPs up to date on PEO's work.



Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing **Steve Clark**, MPP (Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes) (left) with PEO Thousand Islands Chapter GLP rep **Ahmad Khadra**, P.Eng (right) on February 14 at the Brockville Chamber of Commerce.

MINISTER SPEAKS AT BOARD OF TRADE TRANSPORTATION SYMPOSIUM



Transportation Minister **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) spoke at the Toronto Region Board of Trade on February 8.

Ontario Minister of Transportation and Francophone Affairs **Caroline Mulroney**, MPP (York-Simcoe) was the keynote speaker at the Toronto Region Board of Trade Annual Transportation Symposium on February 8.

At the event, Minister Mulroney discussed Ontario's transit system, the region's landscape following the COVID-19 pandemic, and important projects like the GO rail expansion and the Toronto Waterfront East LRT. Attendees alongside leading experts, influencers and policy-makers had a chance to discuss critical transportation issues that face the province.

The event was sponsored by SNC Lavalin, and more than 300 business and engineering community leaders participated. A question period followed, which was moderated by **Jan De Silva**, President and CEO of the Toronto Region Board of Trade. Other speakers included CEO of the Toronto Transit Commission **Rick Leary**, former Toronto Deputy Mayor, **Ana Bailão**, and UK Trade Commissioner for North America, **Emma Wade-Smith**.

Minister Mulroney was Attorney General before assuming her current post in 2019, with responsibility for the *Professional Engineers Act*. She also met with her then-GLP rep, **Dale Kerr Genge**, P.Eng., who was elected as a councillor for Georgina in the fall municipal election.

PEO *GLP Weekly Times* also attended the session and had an opportunity to speak with Minister Mulroney.

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Wintta Ghebreiyesus, EIT (left) met with Ontario's Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre) (right) on February 9.

PEO Lake Ontario Chapter GLP representative **Wintta Ghebreiyesus**, EIT attended a Democracy Forum on February 9 at Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU). The event was called Two Women In Power: Still Fighting for Fairness, and it was hosted by *Toronto Star* Queen's Park columnist **Martin Regg Cohn**, who was a guest speaker at the 2018 PEO Government Relations Conference.

Participating in the conversation were Ontario's Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, **Charmaine Williams**, MPP (Brampton Centre) and Federal Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, **Marci Ien**, MP (Toronto Centre).

PEO is a part of an Engineers Canada initiative called 30 by 30, which hopes to have 30% of its licensees be female by the year 2030.

February is Black History Month, and the Ministers addressed the need for listening to and empathizing with the experiences of disproportionately represented groups. Minister Williams was the first Black woman elected to Brampton City Council in 2018 and Minister Ien is the second Black member in her current role.

To watch the event, please see [here](#).

PEO COUNCIL ELECTIONS VOTING CLOSES ON FEBRUARY 21

Twenty candidates have put their names forward for nine positions for PEO Council this year. Voting by internet and telephone closes on **February 21 at 10 a.m.** Seven debates were held and are now available on the PEO website.

PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES



Fred Saghezchi, P.Eng. Marilyn D. Spink, P.Eng. Greg Wowchuk, P.Eng.

The President-elect debate was held on January 6. See webcast [here](#).

VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES



Christopher Chahine, P.Eng. Abhishek Gupta, P.Eng.

The Vice-President debate was held on January 5. See webcast [here](#).

COUNCILLOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES



Chantal Chiddle, P.Eng. Sardar Asif Khan, P.Eng. Leila Notash, P.Eng. Glen Schjerning, P.Eng.

The Councillor at Large debate was held on January 5. See webcast [here](#).

REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES



Victor Lan, P.Eng.



Nanda Lwin, P.Eng.



**Daryoush Mortazavi,
P.Eng.**

The East Central Regional debate was held on January 4. See webcast [here](#).

EASTERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES



Michelle Liu, P.Eng.



Joseph Podrebarac, P.Eng.



Randy Walker, P.Eng.

The Eastern Regional debate was held on January 4. See webcast [here](#).

WESTERN REGIONAL CANDIDATES



Susan MacFarlane, P.Eng.



Kris Popiolek, P.Eng.

The Western Regional debate was held on January 4. See webcast [here](#).

PEO COUNCIL CANDIDATES

NORTHERN REGIONAL COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES



Ahmed Elsaid Elshaer, P.Eng.



Luc R. Roberge, P.Eng.

The Northern Regional debate was held on January 3. See webcast [here](#).

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCILLOR (ACCLAIMED)



Ravinder Singh Panesar, P.Eng.



Good luck to all the candidates.
PEO licence holders are encouraged
to stay informed, and vote!

MEET YOUR MPPS

This week, the PEO *GLP Weekly Times* features **Goldie Ghamari**, MPP (Carleton) and **Chandra Pasma**, MPP (Ottawa West-Nepean) so PEO licence holders can get to know their representatives. For a full list of MPPs, click [here](#).

GOLDIE GHAMARI, MPP (CARLETON)



MPP **Goldie Ghamari**

Goldie Ghamari, MPP was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2018. She serves as Chair of the Standing Committee on Social Policy.

Prior to taking office, MPP Ghamari was a lawyer and practiced international trade law. She was called to the bar in 2013.

She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Toronto and a Juris doctor from the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Common Law.

CHANDRA PASMA, MPP (OTTAWA WEST-NEPEAN)

Chandra Pasma, MPP is the NDP's Critic for Education, and Poverty and Homelessness Eradication.

MPP Chandra was a public policy researcher for the Canadian Union of Public Employees, before being elected to the Legislature in the 2022 provincial election.

Her webpage biography says that "she also fights for equal access and high-quality public services like health care, emergency services, and post-secondary education."



MPP **Chandra Pasma**

GLP TRIVIA CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS to PEO Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter's **Roger Jones**, P.Eng, for being the first to submit the correct answer to:

Last week's question: Who was the interim leader of the NDP since June 2022?

Answer: Peter Tabuns, MPP (Toronto—Danforth).

This week's question: Which Ontario Minister participated in a Democracy Forum at Toronto Metropolitan University on February 9?

Join the Contest: Test your knowledge of the *GLP Weekly Times* with our weekly trivia question! Send your answers to **Howard Brown** at howard@brown-cohen.com by Monday, February 20.

You may only win once in a four-week span.



Roger Jones, P.Eng., is the winner of this week's Trivia Contest.

UPCOMING MPP EVENTS

Saturday, February 18 - Free Family Day Weekend Ice Skating with Jill Dunlop, MPP (Simcoe North), Ontario Minister of Colleges and Universities. Times and locations: 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM at Rotary Place Arena - Orillia, and 1:30 to 2:45 PM at North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre - Midland.

Monday, February 20 - Free Family Day Weekend Ice Skating with Jill Dunlop, MPP (Simcoe North), Ontario Minister of Colleges and Universities. Times and locations: 12:30 to 2:00 PM at Coldwater Arena - Coldwater, and 1:20 to 2:20 PM at Tay Community Rink - Tay.

Tuesday, February 28 - Women's Committee at the Toronto and York Region Labour Council - Gender Equity and Leadership Roundtable Discussion with Deputy NDP leader Doly Begum, MPP (Scarborough—South West). Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM. The event is hosted online and in person at 31 Wellesley Street East, Toronto, M4Y 1G7. To register please see [here](#).

Thursday, March 2 - 2023 Leader's Dinner with PC Party Leader and Premier, Doug Ford, MPP (Etobicoke North) in support of the PC Ontario Fund. Time: 6:00 PM. Location: Toronto (TBC). Ticket Price: \$1,500. To register please see [here](#).

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 90,000 licence and certificate holders and regulates and advances engineering practice in Ontario to protect the public interest. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment.

Past issues are available on the PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) website at <https://www.peo.on.ca/index.php/aboutpeo/glp-weekly-newsletter>

Deadline for submissions is the Thursday of the week prior to publication. Our next issue is March 3. There will be no issue next week due to the shortened holiday week.

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